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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: VIABILITY OF INDEPENDENT ENTITY

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1. CONCERNING ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF AN INDEPENDENT SAHARAN ENTITY, OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT WITHIN NEXT 3-5 YEARS SAHARA COULD PRODUCE UP TO 10 MILLION TONS PER YEAR OF PHOSPHATES FOR EXPORT. THIS COULD GENERATE AN ANNUAL INCOME AT CURRENT PRICES OF \$680 MILLION. SAHARAN PHOSPHATE RESERVES ARE IN FACT PROBABLY SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN PUBLISHED ESTIMATES (SEE P. 3 OF MEMCON BETWEEN AMB. NEUMANN AND BUREAU OF MINES REP STOWASSER, DTD OCT 22, 1974 SENT NEA/AFN, EB, AND INR). IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. POLICY OF PHOSPHATES ISSUE ALSO DISCUSSED IN RABAT 5418 OF NOV 6, 1974.

2. WHILE PHOSPHATES INCOME WOULD NO DOUBT ALLOW ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY FOR SAHARA'S MINISCULE POPULATION AND AMPLE FUNDS FOR HIRING OF EXPERTS, TEMPTATIONS FOR MORE POPULOUS AND POWERFUL NEIGHBORS OF SAHARA ARE OBVIOUS. AS DISCUSSED
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RABAT 2536 WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE POLITICAL IMPERATIVES WILL

REMAIN COMPLETELY OVERRIDING IN SHAPING FUTURE OF SAHARA.
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